

CLAIMS

1. A method for requesting approval for accessing a resource in a system of resources, comprising the steps of:

- 5 creating a resource profile including at least one resource;
 creating a job profile that is related to at least one user;
 assigning said job profile to said resource profile; and
 requesting a resource owner of said resource profile to approve access
to said resource profile assigned to said job profile, such that a user assigned
10 to said job profile gains approval for accessing said at least one resource
included in said resource profile.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said requesting step automatically originates from said assigning step.

15 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said resource profile includes at least one computing device.

4. The method of Claim 3, wherein said resource profile includes at least
20 one software module.

5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one job.

25 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one role.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one project.

5 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one workgroup.

9. The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one responsibility.

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10. A method for providing a user access to a resource in a system, comprising the steps of:

assigning said user to a job profile that relates to said user; and

assigning said job profile to a resource profile that includes said

15 resource, such that said user gains approval for accessing said resource included in said resource profile.

11. The method of Claim 10, wherein said resource profile has been previously approved for access by a resource owner of said resource.

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12. The method of Claim 10, further including granting an account to said user for accessing said resource.

13. The method of Claim 12, wherein said account is automatically
25 provided following said assigning said user to said job profile.

14. The method of Claim 10; wherein said resource profile includes at least one computing device.

15. The method of Claim 10; wherein said resource profile includes at least one application software.

16. The method of Claim 10; wherein said job profile includes at least one job.

17. The method of Claim 10; wherein said job profile includes at least one role.

18. The method of Claim 10; wherein said job profile includes at least one project.

19. The method of Claim 10; wherein said job profile includes at least one workgroup.

20. A method of approving access to a resource profile in a system, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for accessing said resource profile;

evaluating said request by a resource owner of said resource profile;

and

deciding to grant access approval such that if access approval is granted, future accesses of said resource profile do not need approval by said resource owner.

21. The method of Claim 20, wherein said deciding step includes restricting said resource profile to be accessed by a certain job profile.

- 5 22. A system for accessing computing resources, comprising:
- at least one user terminal;
 - at least one database including at least one application software;
 - at least one computing device;
 - means for creating a resource profile including said at least one
- 10 database and said at least one application software;
- means for creating a job profile related to at least one user;
 - means for assigning said resource profile to said job profile;
 - means for approving access to said resource profile by at least one
- 15 resource owner; and
- means for providing access to at least one resource included in said
- resource profile.

23. The computer system of Claim 22, further implemented on a network environment.

20 24. The computer system of Claim 23, wherein said network environment further comprising Internet.

25 25. The method of Claim 4, wherein at least one of said resource profile, said computing device, and said software module is owned by various resource owners.

26. A method for building a resource profile, comprising the steps of:
determining whether a plurality of resources may be grouped together
in a resource profile; and

grouping said plurality of resources in said resource profile if such
5 grouping is allowed, such that if access approval is granted for said resource
profile, future accesses of said resource profile do not need access approval.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein said determining step further includes
checking against an exclusion rule.

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28. The method of claim 27, further including:

Indicating that said resource profile may not be built if said grouping is
not allowed under said exclusion rule.

15 29. A method for assigning a job profile to a resource profile, comprising
the steps of:

determining whether a job profile may be assigned to a resource
profile; and

assigning said job profile to said resource profile if such assignment is
20 allowed, such that a user assigned to said job profile gains approval for
accessing said resource profile.

30. The method of claim 26, wherein said determining step further includes
checking against an exclusion rule.

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31. The method of claim 27, further including:

Indicating that said job profile may not be assigned to said resource profile if said assignment is not allowed under said exclusion rule.

32. A computer readable medium embodying a method for requesting approval for accessing a resource in a system of resources, said method

5 comprising the steps of:

creating a resource profile including at least one resource;

creating a job profile that is related to at least one user;

assigning said job profile to said resource profile; and

requesting a resource owner of said resource profile to approve access

10 to said resource profile assigned to said job profile, such that a user assigned to said job profile gains approval for accessing said at least one resource included in said resource profile.

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